

THE two following gems were written by Nora Hensley, of Windsor, a little girl only twelve years of age, daughter of the late Vice-President of King's College, Windsor:—

## LILIES.

I.

Lilies of the valley sweet,  
Trampled 'neath our careless feet,  
For the purest bosom meet,  
Beautiful lilies.

Lilies beautiful and bright,  
Lilies robed in spotless white,  
Lilies blooming day and night,  
Beautiful lilies.

Growing in the woods and lakes,  
Equal to the white snow-flakes,  
Blooming here for our sakes,  
Beautiful lilies.

Heaven sent thee, precious flowers,  
To while away the weary hours,  
Blooming in the woods and bowers,  
Beautiful lilies.

We should always thankful be  
For the lilies; let us see  
How by grace we pure may be,  
Beautiful lilies.

II.

Flowers, beautiful and blooming,  
By the hedge-rows green,  
Tell me, flowers, tell me truly,  
Which of you is queen.

Some persons think the rose is queen,  
Of all the flowers here;  
Flowers tell me if to you  
The rose is the most dear.

Although the rose may grandest be,  
I think the lilies are,  
To me at least, if not to you,  
More beautiful by far.

## A CHAPTER FOR BOYS.

WHAT are good boys for? This question was answered with exact truthfulness by a little boy, who, when contemptuously accosted by a young man with the remark, "What are you good for?" replied, "Men are made of such as we." Boys are the beginnings of men. They sustain the same relation to men that the buds do to full-blown flowers. They are still more like the small green apples which first appear when the blossoms drop from the branches, compared with the ripe, luscious fruit which in autumn bends the heavy-laden boughs almost to breaking. Often, like the young apples, boys are green; but this is only natural, and should be considered no disgrace to the boys. If they grow up naturally they will ripen with age, like the fruit, developing at each successive stage of life additional attractions and excellent quantities.

A nation's most valuable property is its boys. A nation which has poor, weakly, vicious boys will have still weaker, more vicious and untrustworthy men. A country with noble, virtuous, vigorous boys is equally sure of having noble, pious, brave and energetic men. Whatever debases, contaminates, or in any way injures the boys of the country, saps and undermines the very foundation of the nation's strength and greatness.

Save the boys from vice and crime, give them good training, physically, mentally and morally, and the prosperity of the nation is assured.

When a skillful artist perfects a work of art, a painting, a drawing, a statue or some other work requiring great talent and exceedingly all his other efforts, it is called his masterpiece. So man is the noblest work of God, the masterpiece of the Almighty. Numerous anecdotes are told of the sagacity of dogs, horses, elephants and other animals, of their intelligence and ingenious devices in overcoming obstacles, avoiding difficulties, etc. Our admiration and wonder are often excited by the scarcely less than human wisdom shown by these lowly brothers of the human race. We call them noble animals, but they are only noble brutes, at best. Compared with man even in his most humble form, as seen in the wild savage that hunts and devours his prey like a wild beast, a lion or a tiger, they are immeasurably inferior. And in his highest development, man—civilized, cultivated, Christianized, learned, generous, pious—certainly stands at the head of all created things.

Boys! do you love what is noble, what is pure, what is grand, what is good? You may each, if you will, become such yourselves. Let us consider for a moment how a noble character is ruined.

A noble character is formed by the development of the good qualities of an individual. A bad character is formed by the development of bad traits or evil propensities. In other words, sin is the cause of the demoralization of character, the debasing of the mind, the loss of nobility of which we see so much around us in the world. Sin is the transgression of some law, and those which are transgressions of the moral law, and those which are transgressions of the physical law. Both classes of sins are followed by penalties. If a person violates the laws of health he is just as certain to suffer as though he tells a falsehood, steals, murders, or commits any other crime. Perfect obedience to all of nature's laws, including, of course, all moral laws, is necessary to perfect health and perfect nobleness of character.

By obeying all the laws which relate to the healthy action of the body and the mind, a noble character and a healthy body may be formed. Deviation from right will be sure to be followed by suffering. A boy who carefully heeds the advice of good and wise parents, who avoids bad company, who never indulges in bad habits of any sort, who cultivates purity, honesty and manliness, is certain to grow up into a noble, lovely youth, and to become an intelligent, respected and virtuous man.—*Good Health.*

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